

District Career Programs Application

Secondary Fire Academy



Secondary Fire Academy (SFA) is a **semester-long commitment every Wednesday evening from 6:30-9:30pm, either from September to January (Semester 1) or from February to June (Semester 2)**. Successful candidates will become cadets and train alongside Paid On-Call Fire Fighters at an Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service (AFRS) station in the City of Abbotsford.

Cadets will be loaned training manuals (\$200 deposit, refunded at end of Academy when manual is returned in useable condition) and appropriate safety equipment for the duration of the program and will need to purchase a kit that includes appropriate boots, pants, and T-shirt, with an approximate cost of \$250. Only students who are registered at a school in Abbotsford School District may use this form to apply; if you attend a private/independent school, you are encouraged to contact your counsellor or career advisor for the appropriate application.

Please choose your preferred semester:

Semester 1

Semester 2

Either

Ensure that the following are completed and attached to this application form:

- Statements of Interest and Intent
- Teacher Reference Form
- A copy of your most recent report card and/or marks for courses currently in progress
- A passport-sized color headshot (***does not need to be an actual passport photo, just an approximate size***)
- A driver's abstract printed within the past 30 days (***if you have a "Learners" or "Novice" driver's license***)

OR

- Check this box if you do not have a "Learners" or "Novice" driver's license

Also ensure you have reviewed the dates and requirements if you are a short-listed candidate and if you become a Cadet.

Return your completed application to your Career Facilitator *on or before* **FRIDAY, APRIL 14th, 2023**

ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Questions about this application?

Please contact Michael Pearson, District Vice Principal – Career Programs at

michael.pearson@abbyschools.ca OR [604-504-4618](tel:604-504-4618)

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APPLICANT INFORMATION *(please complete ALL sections, and print clearly in ink)*

Legal Last Name _____ Legal First Name _____

Usual Last Name _____ Preferred First Name _____

Birth Date (Day/Month/Year) _____ School & Year of Grad _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Preferred Phone _____ Preferred Email _____

Gender Male Female Non-Binary

Preferred Pronoun he/him she/her they/them Another pronoun _____

(Optional) Do you identify yourself as an Indigenous person? Yes No

If **yes**, are you: First Nations Métis Inuit

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Dr Name _____ Phone _____

Care Card Number _____

Allergies and/or Conditions _____

Life Threatening? Yes No If **YES**, which? _____

If **YES**, Treatment _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Primary Contact - Relationship to applicant _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address *(if different than applicant)* _____

Preferred Phone _____ Preferred Email _____

Second Contact - Relationship to applicant _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address *(if different than applicant)* _____

Preferred Phone _____ Preferred Email _____

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If you are contacted as a SHORT-LISTED candidate, you are expected to be available for the next step in your application process:

- Participate in panel interview with Abbotsford Fire Rescue Services at Riverside Training Centre between **May 1st and May 15th**.
- Assistance in preparing for this interview will be offered by Career Programs when students are contacted as short-listed candidates.

If you are a SUCCESSFUL candidate, you are expected to be available to fulfill these requirements prior to the end of this school year:

- Obtain a signed doctor confirmation of physical fitness prior to the physical assessment - applicants ***may*** be ineligible if they have pulmonary conditions, have hereditary conditions including some types of colour-blindness, are diabetic, have visual impairments that cannot be corrected with contact lenses (***there may be a fee for this service which will not be reimbursed; please contact Michael Pearson at 604-504-4618 or michael.pearson@abbyschools.ca if you have difficulty obtaining this note due to the pandemic***)
- Participate in a Physical Assessment (**May 1st - May 15th**)
- Obtain a criminal record check (***there may be a fee for this service which will not be reimbursed; AFRS will confirm the process to follow in obtaining a CRC***)

If you are SELECTED to become a Cadet, please be aware of these important Fall 2023 dates:

Turnout Gear Fitting (May 14th - May 31st)

- Cadets will attend a session to be outfitted with the necessary safety turn-out gear
- Cadets will also need to purchase the required kit of boots, pants, and T-shirt prior to the turnout gear fitting

Fall Orientation & First Night of Training (Wednesday Sept 13th)

- Cadets and parents will attend a Fall Orientation session at AFRS training facility on Riverside Drive. Informed consent from Abbotsford School District and high-risk waiver from AFRS will be completed at this orientation.
- Cadets will receive their manual at Orientation if they have paid their \$200 deposit
- District provision of additional blanket liability insurance will be discussed at this orientation

Secondary Fire Academy Statements of Interest and Intent



Application to this program is a very competitive process. Please give complete and detailed responses below (to be completed by student clearly in black or blue pen, or word processed).

First and Last Name: _____

1. Indicate your plans immediately following secondary school graduation (select all that apply):

I intend to apply to a university college program (if known, indicate intended program & institution):

I intend to enter the workforce full-time or part-time (if known, indicate intended employer/position):

Other (briefly explain):

2. Explain your medium-term (2-5 years) and long-term (5-10 years) career plans and goals, and how Secondary Fire Academy supports those goals:

3. Explain your interest in Fire Fighting, knowledge you have of this career field, and why you feel suited to this career:

4. Explain what your strengths are as a student and as a person:

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5. What makes you a good team member? Share a time when you have demonstrated those skills.

6. Secondary Fire Academy is a year-long commitment on Wednesday evenings 6:30-9:30pm.

A) Will you be able to reschedule any potentially conflicting activities (work, sports) to ensure you will be in attendance every week throughout the program?

B) Is your family supportive of you pursuing this opportunity?

C) Do you have reliable transportation to get to training every Wednesday evening?

7. What are your interests outside of school (for example, hobbies, sports, volunteering, etc.):

8. Is there anything else that you feel is important to share about you?

District Career Programs Teacher Reference

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Student Full Name: _____

Course you taught this student: _____ Grade: _____

This student is applying for a seat in the **Secondary Fire Academy**, a very competitive program with limited seats for Abbotsford School District students. Thank you for completing this confidential reference to support this student's application and aid in the selection of appropriate candidates. When complete, it can be emailed to michael.pearson@abbyschools.ca or faxed to 604-504-4619.

Please contact Michael Pearson, District Vice Principal (604-504-4618) if you have any questions.

Characteristic/Attribute	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
Maturity/Readiness for this opportunity				
Attendance/Punctuality				
Accuracy/ability to follow instructions				
Work Ethic				
Adaptable – adjusts to new situations				
Follows through on assigned tasks				
Enthusiasm and positive attitude				
Shows motivation/initiative to learn new skills				
Can work in a team environment				
Can work independently				
Accepts constructive criticism				
Makes changes as a result of constructive criticism				

The Secondary Fire Academy is looking for students who would most benefit from the opportunity. Please consider ***attitude, aptitude, work ethic, fitness, and commitment for the full year of the program.***

Do you feel the student applying can meet these criteria? YES NO POSSIBLY*

Could this student be counted on to represent school district favorably in a professional workplace? YES NO POSSIBLY*

Do you feel this student has a sincere interest in this pathway? YES NO POSSIBLY*

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**If you selected "POSSIBLY" for any of these questions, please the space below to explain this rating.*

Please provide comments that will assist in the selection of appropriate candidates:

Evaluation completed by: _____ School: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____